

*In Loving
Memory of Lusk,
Baker,
McCaleb, Ryan,
& Aken Families*

A color portrait photograph of a woman with short, wavy, reddish-brown hair. She is wearing a light-colored top and a dark necklace. The photo is set within a white border.

In Memory of
Kathy Theriot
11/27/45-12/28/20

*We love you a bushel
and a peck and a
hug around the neck. You are forever
in our hearts.*

Love, Bubba and your family



*In loving
memory of*
**Nicolas &
Loyce Hire**
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9,
2021 & Feb 10, 1933-
Oct 7, 2022

Always in our hearts
Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr,
Lola Broussard Derouen,
Victoria "Tori" Felscher, Rogers
"Poochie" Broussard,
Aldo & Anna Caprari,
Eivorise Boudreaux Broussard,
Wayne Kopszywa,
& Cyrus A. Broussard

In Loving
Memory of
***Berniece
Louise
Garner***
Dec. 8,
1932—Dec.
22, 2022
Truly an
example
of
“Amazing
Grace”

NEW TO THE PARISH:
If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of “Welcome!” to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!



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FRIDAYS
A DIocese of Biloxi



SUE STONE
Owner

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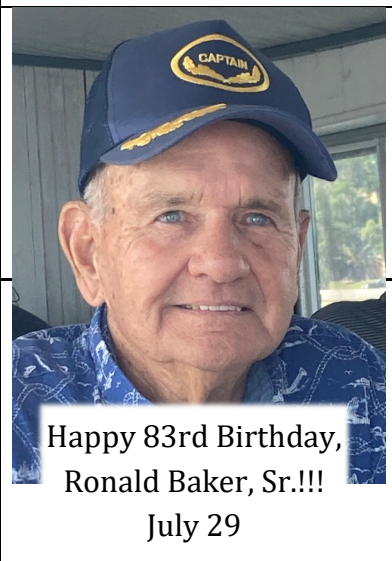
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Remember in Prayer
the
Misko & Skrimetta
Families



**Happy 83rd Birthday,
Ronald Baker, Sr.!!!
July 29**

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Shirley Aufdemorte Roberts Happy 89th Birthday! May the Lord continue to bless you with Peace, Joy, and good health.	Your ad here
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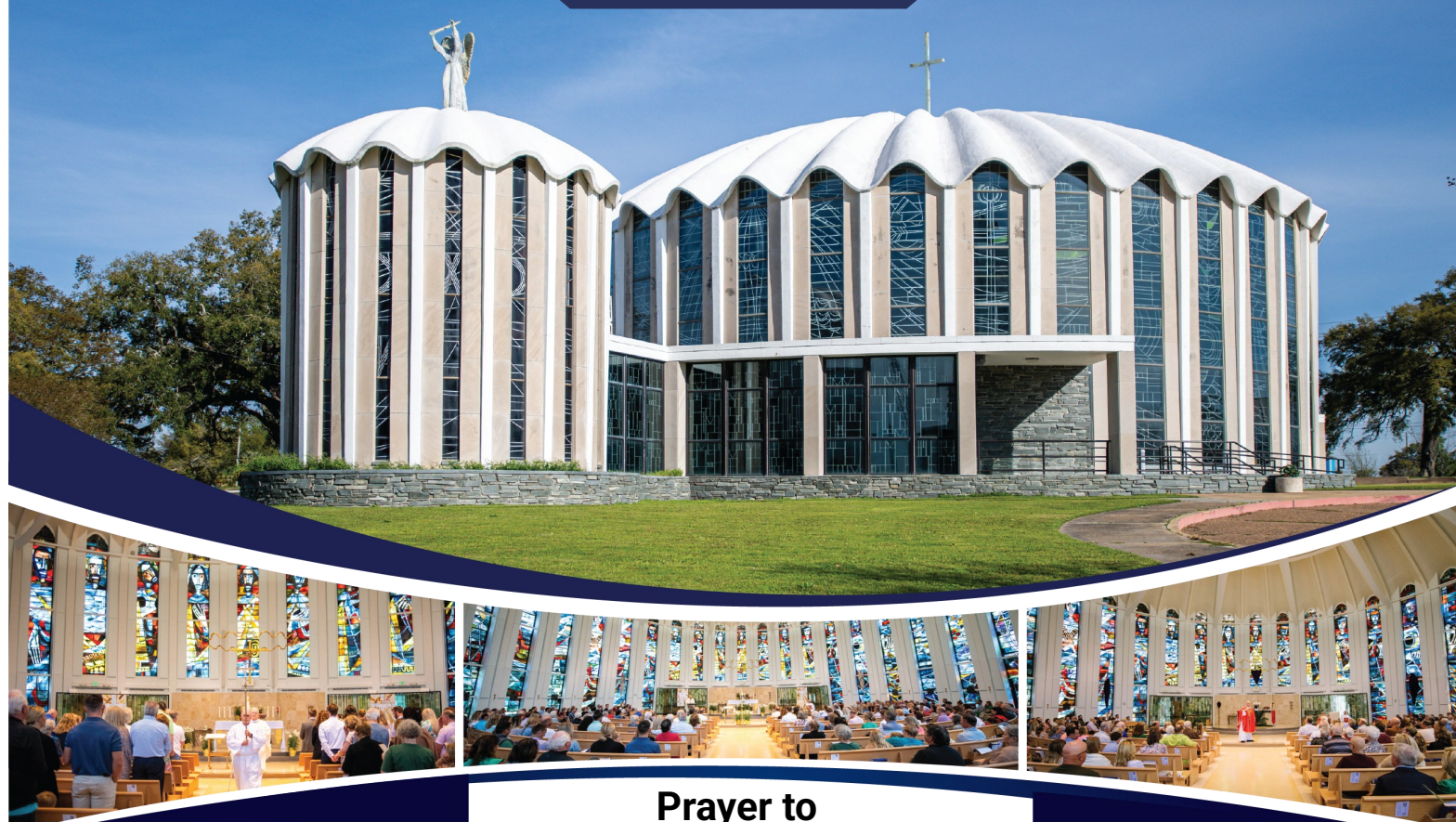


Congratulations Pete & Harriet Aufdemorte
on your **71st Wedding Anniversary**, July 22, 2026!
We joyfully celebrate this sacred union and pray
that God continues to bless you with good health,
peace, and love!

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of July 25 & 26, 2026

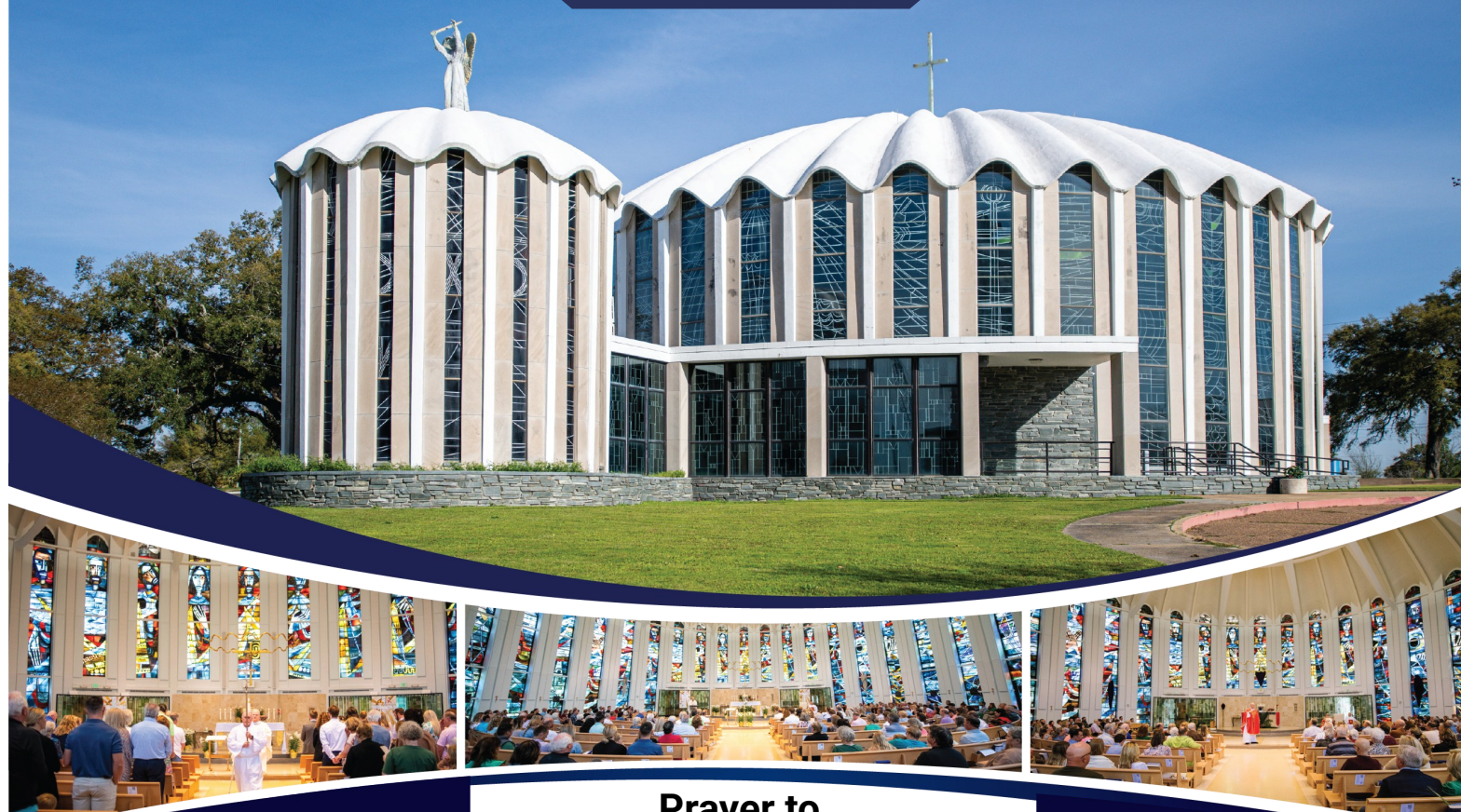
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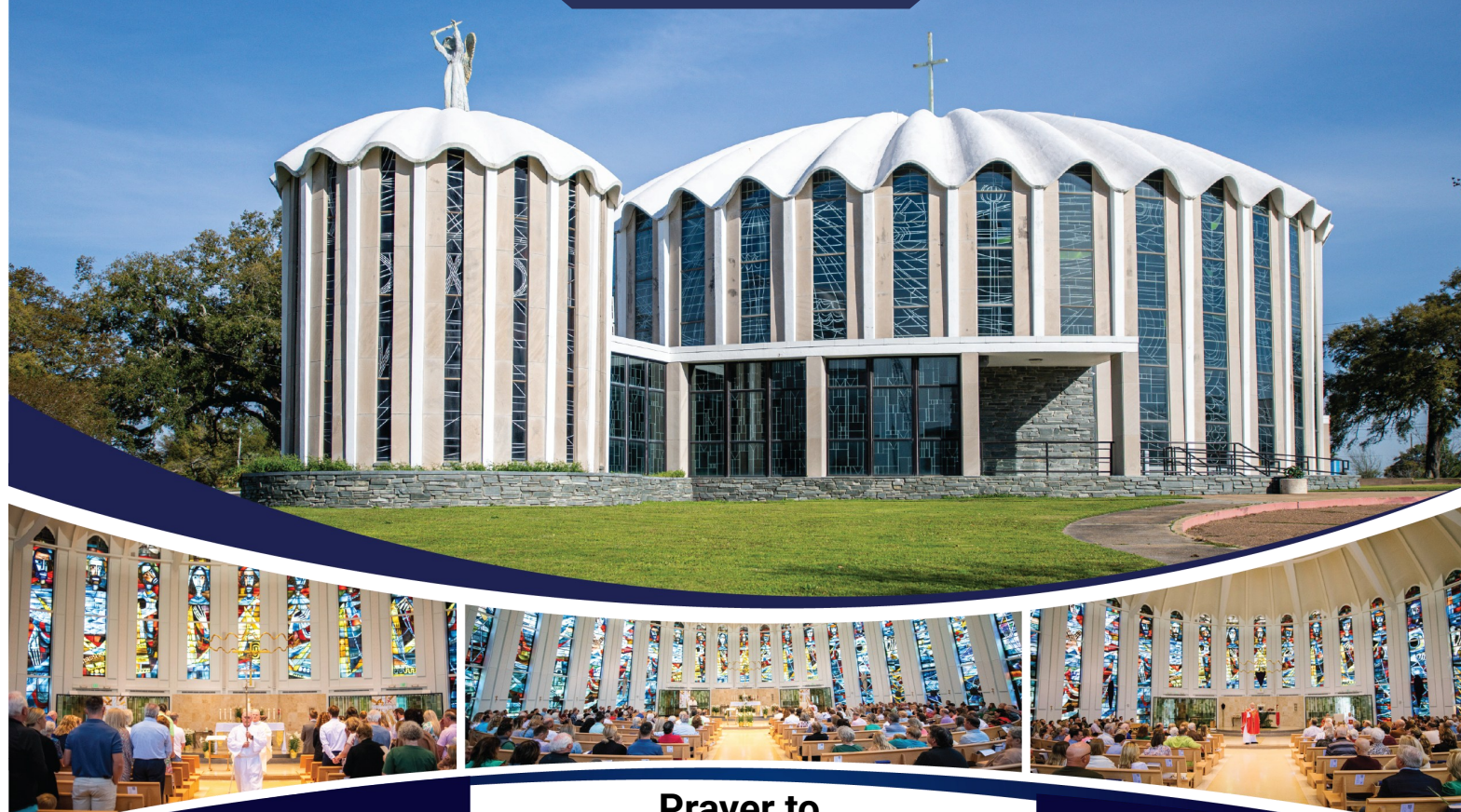


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MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Jul 25.....For the people
Sun, Jul 26..... +Alan Picard
Tue, Jul 28.....Kozlowski Family
Wed, Jul 29.....+Jack Gazzo, Sr.
Thu, Jul 30.....+Kathy Theriot
Fri, Jul 31.....Special Intention

IN OUR PARISH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16992: See a member for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod and Reel Combos. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of \$11 for \$100. Proceeds support St. Michael’s SVDP. The drawing will be held, Sun, August 30.

2026 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS; CALLING ALL ARTISTS
The 2026 Christmas ornament contest has begun! Registration forms containing all the details are on the table in the vestibule.

IN OUR DIOCESE

THE ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 years (or any anniversary above 60) of marriage are welcome to attend. Our online registration form is available below to fill out. You can also download and print the paper version to turn in, located under parish toolkit. The deadline for registration is September 10, 2026. You can return the form by mail to my attention at the above address or e-mail it to me at jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org.

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
Mark your calendars for St. Alphonsus Day on Saturday, August 1st! We’ll begin with 8:15 a.m. Mass, followed by confession and adoration, then enjoy fellowship with mahjong and community time. After the 4:00 p.m. Mass, join us for a spaghetti dinner, trivia night, and more fun for all ages. Dinner tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 per family. You can also support St. Alphonsus Elementary School scholarships by entering our ‘Raise the Steaks’ raffle—\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100—for a chance to win a half-cow's worth of premium local beef and select cuts from Stonnington Farms. For details, contact the Parish Office (228-875-5419) or John McMackin (228-229-6236).

CATHOLIC RECOVERY PROGRAM An organizational meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton church in Ocean Springs on Monday, August 3 at 6 pm about starting a Catholic in Recovery program to start in the fall. This is a Catholic program for people recovering from any kind of addiction. Please attend if you are interested in this program or are in recovery or are a family member of someone with an addiction. For more information, contact Lois Ravera at 228-324-3304.

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
Jul 18& 19.....\$7701.31
Jul 25 & 26.....Building Maintenance Fund

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mon Jul 27 Jer 131:11, Det 32:18-21, Mt 13:31-35
Tue Jul 28 Jer 14:17-22, Mt 13:36-43
Wed Jul 29 Jer 15:10, Jn 11:19-27, 1 Jn 4:7-16
Thu Jul 30 Jer 18:1-6, Mt 13:47-53
Fri Jul 31 Jer 26:1-9, Mt 13:54-58 1 Cor 10:31—11:1, Lk

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email stmichaelccbiloqi@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP would like to thank the VBS Children who made generous donations to our Food Pantry throughout the week! :)

CARD MINISTRY Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.



Lord, help us seek wisdom like Solomon and trust in Your plan for our lives. Teach us to value Your kingdom above all else. Give us the courage to follow You and let go of anything that holds us back. May we live with faith and wisdom, always putting You first. Amen.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
July 26, 2026

First Reading
1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Reading
Romans 8:28-30
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 13:44-52
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.
Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated. Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light. Loyola Press | Sunday Connection



Wisdom for Leaders
Solomon’s story in the first reading for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches an important lesson about leadership. He was a young king with many responsibilities. When God gave him the chance to ask for anything, he did not choose riches, power, or a long life. Instead, he asked for wisdom to lead his people well. This shows that good leadership is not about personal gain. It is about serving others and making wise decisions for their benefit. Solomon understood that leading people is a great responsibility. He knew that without wisdom, he could not govern fairly or guide his people in the right way. Leaders today also need wisdom. Whether they are in the Church, government, or communities, they must put the needs of others first. A wise leader listens, seeks understanding, and makes choices that help everyone. The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourages us to pray for our leaders. We should ask God to give them wisdom, just as He gave it to Solomon. Wise and selfless leadership can bring peace, justice, and hope to the world.-Young Catholic

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY

JOINING FORCES TO RAISE AWARENESS, FOOD & FUNDS FOR ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY, WHICH BENEFITS OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN NEED IN EAST BILOXI, WE ARE HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. BELOW IS A LIST OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/HYGIENE ITEMS THAT ARE STOCKED IN OUR FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO EXPIRED FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS..

Peanut Butter Jelly Canned Tuna/Chicken Spaghetti Pasta/Sauce Oatmeal/Grits Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Rice Dry or Canned Beans	Macaroni & Cheese Canned Soup or Stew Ramen Noodles Jiffy Cornbread Mix Jello Kool-Aid Beanie Weenies Tuna Snack Packs Fruit or Pudding Snacks	Peanut Butter Crackers Vienna Sausage Potted Meat Pop Tarts Granola/Protein Bars Instant Mashed Potatoes	<u>HYGIENE PRODUCTS:</u> <u>(TRAVEL SIZE)</u> Toothbrushes/Tooth paste Soap Shampoo Deodorant Hand Sanitizer/wipes Chapstick Sunscreen Band-aids Rain ponchos Combs
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